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RENT OR BUY?

Rental values surge by as much as 72% between the end of 2021 and the first half of 2024, while property prices have grown at slower pace

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GATECRASH THIS PARTY

Sight of empty beer bottles lying on Horamavu Lake premises has got locals worried the space may have become party spot for tipplers

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Unique challenge designed by citizens who love to explore the city on foot aims at mapping footpaths, rating them based on how obstacle-free they are and making B'luru friendlier to pedestrians

STEP LIGHTLY

Focus on public transport good, but can more people walking also ease traffic?

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Citizens in Bengaluru face relentless traffic, with over 1 crore vehicles clogging the streets. Amid this chaos, pedestrians often go unnoticed, struggling with obstructed footpaths. According to MoveInSync, a city-based shuttle transport management company, over two-and-a-half lakh employees rely on shared transport daily, but even with efficient planning, commute times have increased by 10%, from 47 minutes pre-pandemic to 51 minutes now.

While efforts focus on public transport solutions like the Metro, buses, and cabs, Deepesh Agar, CEO of MoveInSync, and Arun Pai, Founder of Bengaluru Walks, highlight that walking could also ease traffic, if only the city's footpaths were obstacle-free.

Making footpaths walkable again

In response to this issue, Pai has taken an initiative to map pedestrian walkways of the city along with other stakeholders. He has launched a unique challenge: to create obstacle-free footpaths in the city. They have planned to map 100 kms of footpath to begin within the whole city. To bring attention to this issue, Pai introduced an interesting twist to the challenge. "I've started running on footpaths," he says. "If I can run without looking down, it means the footpath is good. People need to see that it's possible to walk and even run safely."

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"Despite the challenges, many people in Bengaluru are pedestrians, but their needs often go unheard. Our society tends to focus on people in cars, but we rarely consider the issues faced by pedestrians

— Arun Pai, Bengaluru Walks

Just 1 vet to care for 2,000 animals

Bannerghatta Biological Park reels under staff crunch; 20 posts of forest guards and watchers also vacant

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The Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP) currently has just one veterinarian to handle its more than 2,000 animals. Additionally, 20 posts of forest guards and forest watchers have remained vacant for the past five years.

As of March 2024, BBP has 1,623 mammals, 331 birds, and 221 reptiles. While the park has three sanctioned posts - Deputy Director Veterinary Science (DDVS), Assistant Director Veterinary Science (ADVS), and Veterinary Officer – for veterinary doctors, two are unoccupied.

"We currently have a VO, apart from a pathologist from the Institute of Animal Health & Veterinary Biologicals. We have one

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Brazilian jazz fusion

Calling all jazz enthusiasts and music lovers! Enjoy an evening filled with original compositions, dynamic improvisations, and the vibrant spirit of Brazilian music at the two-night performance by the 'Hamilton De Holanda Trio,' offering a spellbinding blend of Brazilian jazz fusion. Audiences will experience the virtuosity of "Hamilton De Holanda" on the 10-string mandolin, "Salomão Soares" on keyboards and Moog synthesiser, and "Thiago "Big" Rabello" on drums. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield**
When: September 21, 22, 9:30 pm onwards

02 Fun with colours

Join in for a colourful journey where every child's imagination is the star with "ColorFull Kids: Art Adventure for Little Explorers," workshop by Fizapreet Dhillon. ColorFull Kids is a playful art therapy session designed for children to explore their imagination and emotions through creative activities. Kids will dive into a world of colours, discovering new ways to express themselves in a safe, fun, and interactive environment. Age group: 6- to 12-year-old. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: September 21, 4 pm**

03 Feel the bass

Dive into a night of music filled with drum and bass, bass, and more as Social X Junket presents ARCADE 140: Level 27. The music party features a stellar lineup including Deep Tempo (UK), Big Trouble, Hedz b2b Savethefvce, and Ira BB, with more surprises in store.
Where: Indiranagar Social, New Tippasandra; When: September 20, 8 pm onwards

Unity in action

Angawadi workers protest against the state government for including LKG and UKG classes at all Anganvadi centres and over other demands at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Thursday

Rising debate: Is renting or buying right for you?

Rental values increased more than property prices in Bengaluru, Pune, Kolkata & Chennai; many view rent as expense, EMIs as investment: Report

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The debate between buying and renting a home continues to intensify as more people are migrating to cities like Bengaluru and weighing their options. While both choices have their pros and cons, the decision often depends on the location.

Rental values vs property prices

According to ANAROCK Research, rental values in key areas of Bengaluru and other major cities have surged by as much as 72% between the end of 2021 and the first half of 2024, while property prices (capital values) have grown at a slower pace.

Prashant Thakur, Regional Director & Head of Research at Anarock Group, explained that in cities like Bengaluru, Pune, Kolkata, and Chennai, rental values have increased more than property prices during this period. However, in cities like Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Hyderabad, capital values have grown faster than rental values. This data is a crucial factor—though not the only one—in determining whether it's better to buy or rent a home. "In Bengaluru, Sarjapur Road saw average monthly rental values rise by 67%, while property prices increased by 54%. Similarly, at Thanisandra Main Road, rentals went up by 56%, and property values rose by 52%. Pune, Kolkata, and Chennai also experienced similar trends, where rental values grew faster than property prices in several areas," he said.

'In Bengaluru, Sarjapur Road saw average monthly rental values rise by 67%, while property prices increased by 54%'

On the flip side, cities like Noida, Mumbai, and Hyderabad witnessed stronger capital value appreciation. For instance, in Noida's Sector-150, property prices surged by 127%, while rentals increased by 56%. In Hyderabad's Gachibowli, capital values shot up by 70%, outpacing rental growth of 50%. This data highlighted that while rising rental values may make renting less attractive, other factors—like financial stability, job prospects, and personal preferences—play a key role in the decision-making process.

> **"While financial calculations are important, personal preferences, market trends should guide decision to buy or rent home**
> – Prashant Thakur, Anarock Group

"For someone in Bengaluru paying INR 50,000 per month in rent for a 2BHK worth INR 1.2 crore, continuing to rent over a decade would result in a rental expense of around INR 83 lakh, nearly 69% of the property's total cost without any return on investment," Thakur explained. He added that if that individual had chosen to buy the property with a home loan, they would build ownership over the same period, with EMI payments contributing towards owning a tangible asset.

Tenants' views on rent vs EMIs

Amid rising concerns about high-risk investments, many tenants are now viewing rent as an expense, while EMIs are seen as an investment in a stable asset. This sentiment grew stronger during the pandemic when homeownership became a safety net for many, and it continues to influence decisions today, he added.

Additionally, relatively low home loan interest rates, currently between 8.75% and 9.5%, are making homeownership more attractive. The report added that homebuyers also benefit from various tax deductions on loan repayments, stamp duty, and registration charges, with special incentives for women and first-time buyers. Ultimately, Thakur stressed that while financial calculations are important, personal preferences, market trends, and lifestyle priorities should guide the decision to buy or rent a home.

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Empty bottles, no fences: After hours at Horamavu

Horamavu-Jayanthi Nagar Lake has become spot for miscreants and alcohol use, raising safety concerns among locals who urge police to intervene

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Horamavu-Jayanthi Nagar Lake, previously frequented by stray cattle, has now become a spot for individuals consuming alcohol. On Tuesday morning, residents from Horamavu and nearby areas who visited the lake for a walk were surprised to find several empty beer bottles on the lake bund. Residents and lake activists have repeatedly urged the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Department to fence the lake to keep stray cattle out. Now, visitors are concerned for their safety due to the presence of miscreants around the lake. "I was shocked to see empty beer bottles lying on the walking path of the lake. Lake Bund has become a convenient place for drunkards at night. With no security guard, the drunkards and miscreants have free access to the lake at night. We have complained to Ramamurthy Nagar Police but they suspect me as a drunkard complaining against other drunkards out of jealousy or enmity," said Nageswara Rao R, one of the lake volunteers.

Empty beer bottles spotted at Horamavu Lake

He said he urges police to regularly visit the lake at night to keep the drunkards and miscreants away from the water body. "One of the gates donated by a philanthropist was stolen a few months ago but no action was initiated by the authorities concerned. I appeal to the police to take all measures to ensure no drunkard enters the lake at night," he said.

Expressing concern over the misuse of the lake by drunkards at night, Ayyappa Samy, a member of the Save Our Horamavu Lake Volunteers team, has said the BBMP Lakes Department has to expedite the fencing work and install the gate to prevent people from entering the lake at night. "It will be appreciated if the authorities concerned save and protect this lake from stray cattle and drunkards. I urge the police to visit the lake at night to keep the drunkards away from the lake," said Ayyappa Samy. A resident, pleading anonymity, said that he came across drunkards quarrelling among themselves. "There are chances of things getting out of hands at the lake if the authorities fail to stop drunkards misusing the lake," the resident said.

> **"Lake bund has become easy place for drunkards at night. With no security guard, they have free access to lake**
> – Nageswara RR, volunteer

Meanwhile, the Ramamurthy Nagar Police Inspector said that no one has complained about drunkards misusing the lake at night. "I will send policemen to the lake at night," said the Police Inspector. Bangalore Mirror published a story titled "1,200 saplings planted at lake land turn easy fodder" on September 16, narrating how the BBMP Forest Department planted saplings without tree guards at Horamavu-Jayanthi Nagar Lake which has no fence and gates to prevent stray cattle from entering the lake land.

BBMP rolls out faceless, contactless e-khata system

On Thursday, many residents of Bengaluru were surprised to receive text messages notifying them that Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials would soon be visiting their homes to assist with the issuance of e-khata. The unexpected nature of the messages led to some scepticism about their authenticity. Later, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath confirmed the initiative, stating, "Following the guidance of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, BBMP is launching a faceless, contactless, and online digital e-khata issuance system. We have digitised all 21 lakh existing BBMP khatas, and the roll-out will commence shortly."

He further explained that as part of this initiative, BBMP staff will visit homes to record the GPS coordinates of each property in the coming days. This GPS data is essential for obtaining the BBMP e-khata, as it will serve as a unique identifier for each property. The accurate collection of this information is crucial for the seamless, contactless online delivery of BBMP e-khata services. Residents are encouraged to fully cooperate to ensure the successful implementation of this new system.

Explaining further, a BBMP official said that e-khata was currently being done at two wards on a pilot basis where the khata comes with the photo of the building as well as the khata holder. "Transitioning from handwritten khata to the new e-khata system marks a significant milestone for the Bangalore Bruhat Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and its residents. As we roll out the e-khata initiative, we aim to revolutionise property documentation, making the entire process more efficient, transparent, and user-friendly. Firstly, the digitisation of khata records is a move towards greater accuracy and reduced errors. Traditional handwritten khata entries are prone to human error, which can lead to discrepancies and complications in property transactions. By implementing an e-khata system, we are significantly minimising these risks. The digital records ensure that data is uniformly captured and consistently updated, which enhances the accuracy and reliability of property documentation. Another key advantage of the e-khata system is its efficiency. In the past, property owners had to navigate through cumbersome paperwork and manual procedures to get their khata registered. This process was not only time-consuming but also prone to delays. With e-khata, property registration and updates can be completed online, vastly speeding up the process. This efficiency not only benefits property owners by reducing their waiting time but also streamlines our internal operations, allowing us to serve the public more effectively."

The e-khata initiative reduces paper waste, supporting environmental sustainability

Protect your property with GPS

1. The goal is to assign GPS to each property for security against mischief.
2. With GPS assigned, no one else can claim your property.
3. BBMP maintained a list of properties but did not have their locations mapped. Therefore, assigning GPS coordinates to your property protects against claims from others using different documents.
4. Multi-storey flats may share similar GPS coordinates, but the BBMP records, including flat numbers and other details, will uniquely identify each property.

BBMP officials said that the e-khata system promotes greater transparency and accessibility. "Digital records are easier to access and verify, which reduces the potential for fraudulent activities and unauthorised alterations. Property owners can now view and manage their khata details online, providing them with greater control and oversight. This transparency is crucial in building trust between the BBMP and the residents. The e-khata initiative also supports environmental sustainability. By reducing our reliance on paper-based records, we are contributing to a reduction in paper waste," added the BBMP official. **— BMB**

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Footpath blocked

Coles Road

The entry footpath at Coles Road is blocked by a refreshment hotel and nakery, making it challenging for pedestrians to cross the road amid heavy traffic.

Parking issue

Hoodi

Footpaths outside Gopalan Grandeur Apartments in Hoodi are often obstructed by parked vehicles, a frequent issue across the area.

Manhole menace

BTM Layout

A poorly constructed manhole on the busy Outer Ring Road, near Jayadeva Hospital and between the BTM Water Tank and the Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, poses a hazard.

Fire breaks out at MS Ramaiah Hospital

3rd floor in flames due to 'short circuit'; patients evacuated

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A fire broke out at MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital on Thursday, reportedly caused by a short circuit in an air conditioning unit. The blaze, which started around 1:25 pm, was promptly brought under control by the Fire Department. Firefighters who arrived shortly after the alarm was raised worked diligently to control the situation.

The fire originated on the third floor of the hospital, where significant damage was sustained. Swift action by the hospital staff and firefighters was crucial in preventing extensive harm.

According to sources, the fire was discovered in the early afternoon, triggering an immediate evacuation process. The hospital's intensive care unit (ICU), which housed seven cardiac patients, was promptly evacuated by the hospital staff. The staff's quick response ensured that all patients were safely relocated without any injuries.

MS Ramaiah Memorial Hospital was partially covered with smoke on Thursday afternoon; (inset) black smoke emerged from the third floor

Fire discovered in early afternoon, triggering immediate evacuation process at the ICU that housed 7 cardiac patients

Accidental fire in Devanahalli

Commercial goods worth crores of rupees were destroyed in a fire that broke out in a canter on Thursday in Devanahalli town, located in Bangalore Rural district. The vehicle, bearing registration number KA 43 6966, had arrived from Bengaluru, loaded with goods meant for delivery to stores the next morning. Fortunately, no one was inside the vehicle when the fire broke out, and there were no casualties reported.

The unfortunate incident occurred during the late night around 3:10 am, with the fire reducing all the items to ashes by morning. The fire brigade was alerted and rushed to the scene, managing to extinguish the fire before it could spread further.

The fire was reportedly caused by a battery short circuit. Devanahalli police visited the scene and conducted a preliminary inspection of the burnt vehicle. The incident has caused significant loss to businesses expecting their goods to be delivered the next day.

Multiple cases filed against BJP MLA Muniratna, 6 others

A First Information Report (FIR) was registered on Wednesday in Ramanagara district against BJP MLA Muniratna Naidu and six others, accusing them of rape, blackmail, and harassment. A 40-year-old complainant alleged that Muniratna repeatedly assaulted her and used threats to keep her silent. The complaint also implicates Vijay Kumar, Sudhakar, Kiran Kumar, Lohit Gowda, Manjunath, and Loki, who are accused of aiding in the crimes or facilitating the assaults.

Responding to this complaint of sexual assault and blackmail against Muniratna, Karnataka Home Minister G Parameshwar issued a statement affirming that the matter would be handled with due legal process. "A complaint has been filed, and legal action will be taken based on the complaint. If public servants are found involved in such acts, action will be taken according to the law," he said.

The police officials at the Kaggalipura station have begun an investigation. The case has been registered under IPC Sections 354A (sexual harassment), 354C (voyeurism), 376 (sexual assault and rape), 506 (criminal intimidation), 504 (intentional insults), 120B (criminal conspiracy), 149 (unlawful assembly), 384 (extortion), 406 (criminal breach of trust), and 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide).

–BMB

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Advertorial Promotional Feature

Spice up your journey towards healthy life

Fiery foods may come with a tongue-scorching sensation, but experts tell us that it's completely worth it as these foods are packed with numerous health benefits. Chillies, jalapenos and cayenne peppers are rich in capsaicin which can help in relieving pain, improving immunity and speeding up weight loss.

According to researchers at Purdue University, consuming red pepper can curb the appetite and burn more calories after a meal. Research also suggested that when you eat capsaicin, it raises your body temperature and boosts metabolism which increases fat burning. Capsaicin can dilate blood vessels and help lower blood pressure. It also helps in preventing blood clots.

Furthermore, a study conducted by the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Harvard School of Public Health on Chinese people in the age group of 30-79 over a period of five years found that people who ate spicy food had a 14 percent lower risk of dying premature.

Additionally, spicy foods promote sweating and offer relief from the symptoms of cold and flu. These foods help open blocked nasal passages and can alleviate sinusitis symptoms too. Contrary to popular belief, spicy foods do not upset the stomach. Spices in turn increase blood flow and improve digestion.

–Femina

Karnataka plans to strip Guv of chancellor's post

Groundwork laid at recent Cabinet meeting to amend State Universities Act, 2000

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Karnataka is now planning to follow the Kerala model by mulling to strip the Governor of chancellor's role. Amid rising tensions between the Karnataka government and the Governor, following the Governor's approval to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the alleged MUDA scam, the state government is now preparing to take another step in reducing the Governor's authority, this time concerning the appointment of university vice-chancellors. The government is looking to limit the Governor's role in these appointments, which historically falls under his purview.

During a recent Cabinet meeting held in Kalaburagi, the state government laid the groundwork for this move and has decided to bring an amendment to the Karnataka Universities Act, 2000, in the next legislative session. Currently, under the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines, the Governor acts as the Chancellor of all state universities and has significant powers, including the appointment of vice-chancellors. While the Governor consults the Council of Ministers in university administrative matters, he can also make independent decisions. The state government is now seriously considering amending the law to clip the Governor's powers in this regard. An official said that after reviewing university laws from various states, the Karnataka government has decided to follow the Gujarat model, where the power to appoint vice-chancellors rests directly with the Chief Minister instead of the Governor.

The CM, deputy CM and other Congress leaders at a protest against the Governor in August

Draft nearing completion

The state government has formed a committee to draft amendments to the Karnataka Universities Act, 2000. According to sources, around 80% of the draft work has been completed, and the committee plans to submit the final draft to the government by the end of this month. The draft incorporates significant changes based on models from Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh, where the Chief Minister plays a direct role in the appointment of vice-chancellors. Karnataka's committee has proposed a similar system in the new draft law, which would grant the Chief Minister the authority to appoint vice-chancellors.

One year in the making

The Karnataka Universities Act was established in 2000 and has remained unchanged for 24 years. To modernise the law, the state government set up a committee in November 2023 with instructions to submit a report by December. While the committee has taken longer than expected, they are now in the final stages of preparing the report.

Will the Governor approve?

Once the committee submits the draft to the state government, it will be sent to the Law and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry for review before being presented to the Chief Minister. The bill is to be tabled in the next legislative session. This bill would significantly reduce Governor's powers in university matters. The Minister of Higher Education Dr MC Sudhakar said, "We have discussed transferring the power to appoint vice-chancellors from the Governor to the Chief Minister. However, there is uncertainty about whether the Governor will approve the draft when it is sent to him for approval."

Current procedure

Under the current system, the government forms a search committee to recommend three qualified candidates for the post of vice-chancellor. This list is then sent to the Governor's office, where the Governor, in consultation with the government, selects one candidate. The Governor has the final say in appointing vice-chancellors.

Campus fair boosts local artisans

The students from final year Master of Arts in Advertising and Public Relations (APR), School of Communication and Media Studies (SCMS) at St Joseph's University, organised 'Artisans for Impact', a campus fair aimed at promoting small businesses across Bengaluru. Held on Wednesday from 9 am to 5 pm, the fair showcased a diverse range of handmade goods, including jute bags, candles, posters, and food items like spices, baked goods, ragi mudde, and jolada rotti. The event witnessed a vibrant footfall of around 4,000 to 5,000 students from the university.

According to Rehan, a final-year APR student, the inspiration for this initiative came from their rural exposure outreach camp experience in Manvi, Raichur, where they encountered villagers running small businesses, creating handmade products like jute bags, earrings, etc.

Determined to support these businesses, the students expanded their scope to include eight NGOs across Bengaluru. These included local artisans, some reportedly with physical or intellectual disabilities, who create various handmade products such as bags, bookmarks, candles, posters, food items and chocolates.

"The villagers from Manvi had a successful day, selling more than 200 jute bags, spices, earrings, and jolada rottis. The NGOs expressed their gratitude and eagerness to participate in future events organised by the university. The event successfully garnered sponsorships from local businesses, enabling us to provide transportation to the villagers and gain support for the great success of the fair. All the proceeds from the sales went directly to the villagers and NGOs, with no expenses incurred by them," said Rehan.

The entire staff commended the students for their initiative. "The finance officer even purchased all 200 remaining jute bags on behalf of the university, intending to use them as mementos with the university's logo," added Rehan.

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AT WALKING DISTANCE

The challenge, which began on September 15, on the birth anniversary of Sir M Visvesvaraya, a great engineer and avid walker, aims to be completed by October 2, Gandhi Jayanti, another inspiration dedicated to a famous walker.

Pai and Agar began by focusing on areas where a lot of people work, including Whitefield, HSR Layout, Koramangala, and MG Road. Their goal is to assess the state of the footpaths in these locations, starting with the heart of the city where government offices are concentrated. "We walked through areas where the footpaths are wider," Pai explains. "For example, the footpaths from MG Road to Old HAL Road are mostly in decent shape. People can walk side by side, and in some sections, you could even run."

However, Agar highlights that the second part of Old HAL Road is a different story. "Every 200 metres, there are obstructions, broken footpaths, fallen trees, and construction work blocking the way. These issues make walking unpleasant, but the good news is that these obstacles can be fixed."

Shape of footpaths

Not all of Bengaluru's footpaths can be repaired so easily but there are many problems that can be solved. Agar is less optimistic about the Outer Ring Road, where around 8 lakh people work in tech parks and offices. "I'm not sure what we'll find there, but I'm not hopeful," he admits.

At some spots in the city, footpaths are caved in because the tiles used in their construction have sunk or cracked. Others are blocked by trees that haven't been maintained or by ongoing construction projects that spill over into pedestrian spaces. In some areas, people simply haven't bothered to fix the footpaths because they're not frequently used.

"Construction sites often take over footpaths," Agar explains. "In commercial or military areas, the footpaths are barricaded, and basic care is ignored. If more people used footpaths, they would automatically get more attention."

Clement Jayakumar, Secretory Task force, Mahadevapura said walkability was a crucial factor in mobility and the adoption of public transport. "In Mahadevapura, we're working to improve walkability, particularly around the extended Purple Line. Key obstacles include drainage slabs, originally designed for pedestrians but damaged by vehicles, the increasing issue of optical fibre cables, overgrown tree branches, footpath encroachment, stray dogs, and insufficient street lighting. Addressing these challenges is essential for making our city more walkable."

Pai, who has been leading walks around Bengaluru for 20 years, says footpaths are crucial for showcasing the city's heritage. "They also reflect the city's reputation. Many people don't walk because they think it's impossible, but I walk everywhere. What we've discovered is that people have strong opinions and they complain about narrow or encroached footpaths, but there are still those who have to walk."

For example, if you take the metro or bus, you are likely to walk to your destination. "Despite the challenges, many people in Bengaluru are pedestrians, but their needs often go unheard. Our society tends to focus on people in cars, but we rarely consider the issues faced by pedestrians."

Rate footpaths

Pai also plans to take inspiration from rating systems used by platforms like Zomato and Ola. "If people can rate restaurants without being food experts, why can't they rate footpaths?" he asks. His idea is to develop an app where citizens can rate footpaths on a scale of 1 to 5. This user-generated data could then help the authorities prioritise repairs. "We want citizens to rate the footpaths," hesays. "If a footpath is damaged or blocked, users can upload photos and details through the app. Someone who has the power to fix the problem could step in. That's the potential of this platform."

End goal

Pai says that if footpaths are improved, more people will start walking, which could indirectly reduce traffic. However, some problems are more complex. For example, the high dividers on roads often force pedestrians to walk long distances to find a crossing point. Illegal parking on footpaths is another issue, although pedestrians still tend to navigate around parked vehicles rather than giving up on walking entirely.

Street vendors, too, are part of the footpath ecosystem. "We don't mind street vendors," Arun says. "In fact, they add character to the walk. As long as they leave enough space for people to walk safely, they're not the problem."

HC judge refers to part of B'luru as Pakistan

Remark made while listening to case involving crowded auto creates furore

A Karnataka High Court judge Justice V Srishananda has sparked controversy on social media after referring to a Muslim-dominated area in Bengaluru as 'Pakistan' during a hearing related to insurance. The judge made the comment while discussing the Gori Palya area in West Bengaluru, stating, "Go to that Mysuru Road flyover. Every auto rickshaw has got 10 people. It is not applicable because the Mysore flyover right up to the flower market from Gori Palya is in Pakistan, not in India. This is the reality. This is the reality. No matter how strict a police officer you put there, they will be beaten up there."

The remarks were made during a hearing on August 28 concerning the Rent Control Act, specifically discussing a lease agreement and the powers of a land owner under Section 27 (2)(o) of the Act. The Court also discussed potential amendments needed in various laws, including the Rent Control Act and the Motor Vehicles Act.

Justice Srishananda emphasised the importance of lane discipline and speed limits, drawing comparisons to "foreign countries" where vehicles must adhere to strict rules. He pointed out the lack of discipline among heavily loaded KSRTC and private buses sharing the same lane, which an advocate described as "a disaster waiting to happen".

The judge further criticised the lack of action taken by school principals and parents regarding students riding scooters and auto rickshaws carrying excessive numbers of students, even after a tragic incident involving a van capsising and the death of three children. He expressed concern over the inactivity of the police and their alleged involvement in lobbying, suggesting that the majority of these schools are run by influential individuals who can manage the situation.

Justice Srishananda was speaking about the importance of lane discipline in Gori Palya area of West B'luru

No stay on defamation case

The High Court expressed its displeasure on Thursday regarding a statement made by BJP MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal, in which he referred to Dinesh Gundu Rao, the State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, as "half Pakistani".

Justice M Nagaprasanna, presiding over a single judge bench, declined to stay the defamation proceedings initiated against Yatnal by Rao's wife, Tabbasum Dinesh Rao, under Sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code. The court remarked, "The statement straightaway attracts the provisions and this is why defamation cases are on the rise."

Addressing Yatnal's counsel, the judge orally questioned the necessity of making such statements, emphasising that one cannot label a particular community in such a manner, as they are part of the country. The court stressed that this is not an appropriate way to express oneself.

Yatnal's counsel, Venkatesh Dalwai, argued that the statement was made in response to a public statement by the Minister. However, Rao's wife claims that the statement was directed at her. The court then observed that mudslinging serves no purpose and that dubbing someone as "half Pakistani" simply because their wife is Muslim is incorrect and unacceptable.

Dalwai claimed that the magistrate court did not follow proper procedure while taking cognizance of the complaint, as no notice was issued to Yatnal. The court agreed with this contention and stated that it would direct the Magistrate to redo the exercise of cognizance, as the accused must be heard after issuing notice under the BNSS (Bharat Nirmaan Sena Samiti).

No criminal proceedings against Karandlaje

The High Court has dismissed the criminal proceedings against Shobha Karandlaje, a Member of Parliament, in connection with her statement made during a protest in Bengaluru. The BJP MP had linked the suspect in the Rameshwaram cafe blast with Tamil Nadu. Justice M Nagaprasanna, in his single-judge bench ruling, quashed the case registered at the Cottonpet Police station under sections of the Representation of People Act. The court referred to a recent order by the Madras High Court, which had also quashed similar proceedings against Karandlaje based on the same incident.

Eviction fear near Palike Bazaar

Street vendors have expressed their protest against the city's first underground market, Sri Krishnadevaraya Palike Bazaar, near the Vijayanagar metro station, that was recently inaugurated by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

In the service road where the Palike Bazaar is situated, over 150 street vendors would carry out their business. Now officials, without following any process, have allocated a few shops to some traders and are moving to evict the street vendors who continue to sell on the street.

Street vendors have noted that the eviction is violative of the Street Vendors Act 2014 as they have not been provided with any notice as required under section 18 of the act.

Additionally, vendors of Vijayanagar had obtained a stay on eviction by BBMP (S Babu and others vs BBMP and others). — **BMB**

BSY plea hearing adjourned

Karnataka High Court on Thursday adjourned the hearing of former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa's plea seeking to quash a case against him for the alleged harassment of a minor to September 27. Yediyurappa had filed a petition in the High Court seeking to quash a case registered against him under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in March.

Earlier, Justice M Naga Prasanna heard the POCSO case against Yediyurappa along with the petitions filed by him seeking grant of anticipatory bail. A bench headed by Naga Prasanna had also issued an order extending the exemption granted to BS Yediyurappa not to be arrested and to attend the hearing. **ANI**

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FARNAZ

'Need to hire more vets as soon as possible'

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more veterinarian on an additional charge from Bannerghatta National Park. However, our veterinarians also need to attend rescue calls. Thus, there is a need to hire one or two more as soon as possible," said AV Surya Sen, deputy conservator of forest, BBP.

In 2019, 20 posts of forest guards and watchers were created at BBP under the Cadre and Recruitment rule. However, officials say these posts, which are necessary for better management of animals at the park and smooth functioning of the system, never got occupied. Officials say the roles were created to act as intermediaries between range officers and animal keepers for efficient management of the park and better upkeep of its animals.

In recent times, highly educated applicants - PhD holders, engineers, and those with master's degrees- have applied for the posts of forest guards and watchers advertised by the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD).

Overseer needed

"BBP has different sections such as safari, Butterfly Park, rescue center, zoo, hospital, etc and each section requires special attention. If the animal keepers have to be managed efficiently and monitored well, there is a need for an intermediary between range officers and animal keepers. This is the reason vacancies for forest guards and watchers were created. These guards can help us in managing animal keepers and overseeing activities such as if animals are fed on time, food that they are getting and

timely reporting of a sick animal," said an official.

BBP says it has written to the forest department highlighting vacant posts of forest guards and watchers, requesting the department to fill the vacancies.

"We have written to the department to fill these vacancies. While the department is conducting counseling for the posts of guards and watchers, preference is given to field postings, where there already are a lot of vacancies. While overall staff strength is good and we are outsourcing human resources wherever needed and possible, we need to conduct some recruitment from our side," said the official.

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'K'taka has protected 16,114 sq km of Ghats'

Experts suggest state does more as Forest Minister holds meeting on Kasturirangan report

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Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar B Khandre said that Karnataka has already protected 16,114 sq km of eco-sensitive area across its 11 districts in Western Ghats and this is an appropriate limit.

The minister said this on Thursday after meeting with district in-charge ministers and MLAs of the districts on the implementation of the K Kasturirangan report.

The consultations with political leaders were organised in the wake of the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) issuing the sixth draft notification of the report over a month ago. The meeting was held today to seek the views of the ministers and MLAs.

The state government has notified and protected over 16K sq km in various forms such as national parks, sanctuaries, and ESZ.

Western Ghats spanning across 11 districts in state already protected

"Kasturirangan report may be accepted subject to this limit as 16,114 sq km of eco-sensitive area around various forest and wildlife sites in the state has already been protected. Many stakeholders present in the meeting today are of the view that if the area is increased further, the lives of people on forest fringes will become difficult. If we implement the Kasturirangan report, buffer zone around protected areas will be reduced to zero," said Khandre.

All the views taken on Thursday will be discussed in the cabinet sub-committee meeting and with the chief minister, later to be submitted to the Centre

The Kasturirangan Committee report has identified an eco-sensitive zone of 20,668 sq km in the state. The district in-charge ministers and MLAs that attended the meeting on Thursday believe that if a physical survey is conducted, the area will increase further.

"It is not advisable to evict people who have been living inside forests for generations. All these issues will be discussed in tomorrow's meeting," the Minister said.

Special package

Khandre suggested that the Centre should provide a special package to the state for declaring parts of Western Ghat as eco-sensitive areas. "Even if the area of 16,114 sq km is approved, the livelihood of people living in 1,576 villages in the region will be affected. The Ghats region is the source of water for many rivers and monsoon rain. Therefore, the responsibility of protecting it lies with the Centre," said Khandre.

Experts demand full implementation

Ecologists and conservationists say the government should consider implementing the K Kasturirangan report in its entirety as the biodiversity hotspot is under serious threat, making it crucial to get the area notified as an ecologically sensitive Area (ESA). The draft notification issued on July 31 includes 20,668 sq km of the Western Ghats in Karnataka and has suggested a complete ban on commercial activities such as sand mining, quarrying, and mining. Conservationists working at grassroots levels in districts of Western Ghat in Karnataka say locals have been opposing the Kasturirangan report due to misinformation spread by politicians for vested interest.

Activists say the government should constitute district-level and state-level committees to disseminate information. "Villagers in these 11 districts need to be educated about the two reports. The existing misconception can be dispelled only by mass awareness. The reports should also be made available in vernacular language. Public consultations in coordination with line departments should be conducted," said Giridhar Kulkarni, a wildlife conservationist.

"All the reports on the fragile status of Western Ghats – K Kasturirangan, Madhav Gadgil, and IISc's report- are scientific. Good governance ensures the conservation of natural resources and sustainability," said Dr TV Ramachandra, Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

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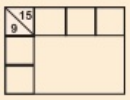

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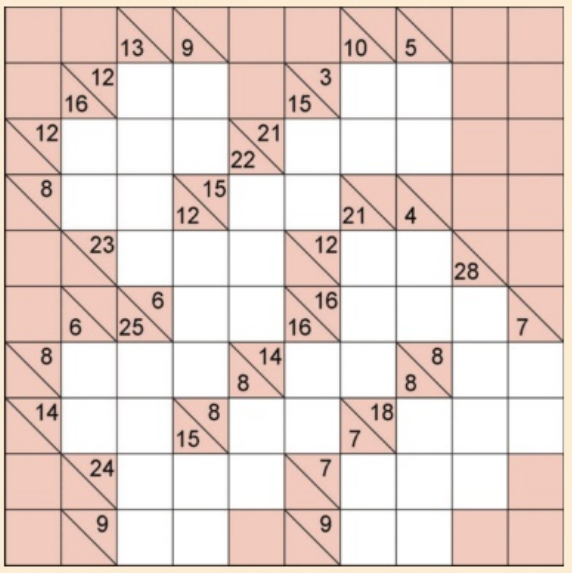

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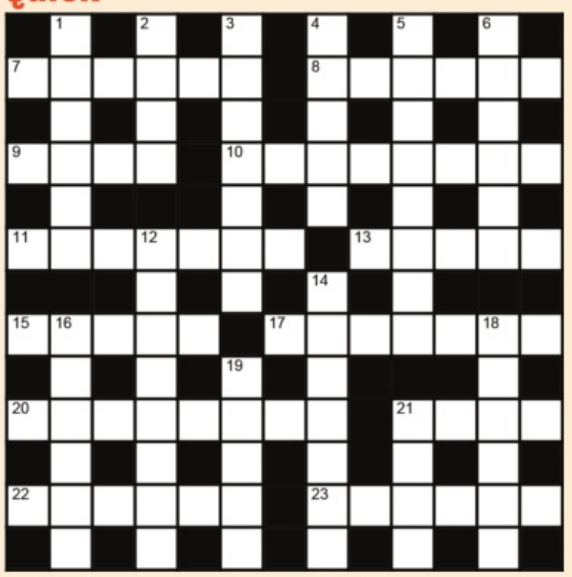

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7 Narrow channel (6)
8 Red gems (6)
9 Functions (4)
10 Craving, wanting or wishing (8)
11 Organised group of admirers (3,4)
13 Total count (5)
15 German submarine (1-4)
17 Continuous or ceaseless (7)
20 Avid reader (8)
21 Stylish (4)
22 Mexican lady (6)
23 Sounds (6)

DOWN

1 India's celebrated athlete (1,1,4)
2 Taprooms (4)
3 Sports arena (7)
4 Search for weapons (5)
5 Spaniards and Portuguese (8)
6 Dog's house (6)
12 Commonly used slang for a crazy person? (5-3)
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19 Gold mines 100 kms out of the city (5)
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Showers are great: They make you nice and clean,you sound like a professional singer, and they also help you make all of life's decisions

Joke of the day

Man: I could go to the end of the world for you. Woman: Yes, but would you stay there?

Loop

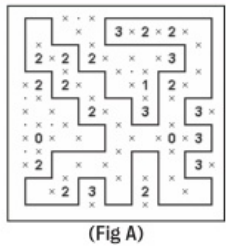
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

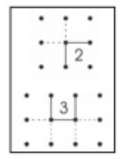
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

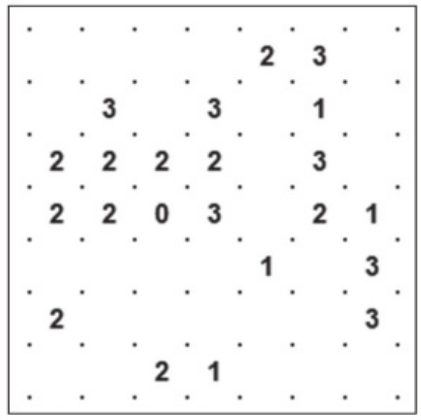
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



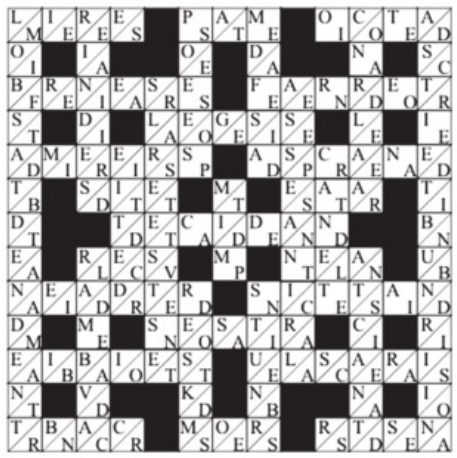
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6	P			
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 As yes; 6 Is Per; 7 Ate in; 8 Canoe; 9 Spawl

DOWN

1 Poets; 2 Aspic; 3 Swine; 4 A rale; 5 Yen as

Mensapuzzle

Solve this rebus:

pushShoveshove

pushShoveshove

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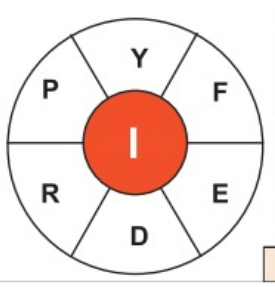
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

11 Average; 13 Good; 15 Outstanding

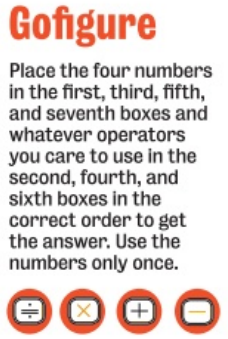
SudokuChallenge

3	8			6			2	5
			4		3			
	9						1	
2	3		8		5		7	9
		6				2		
4	7		3		6		5	1
	4						8	
			9		7			
7	2			8			9	3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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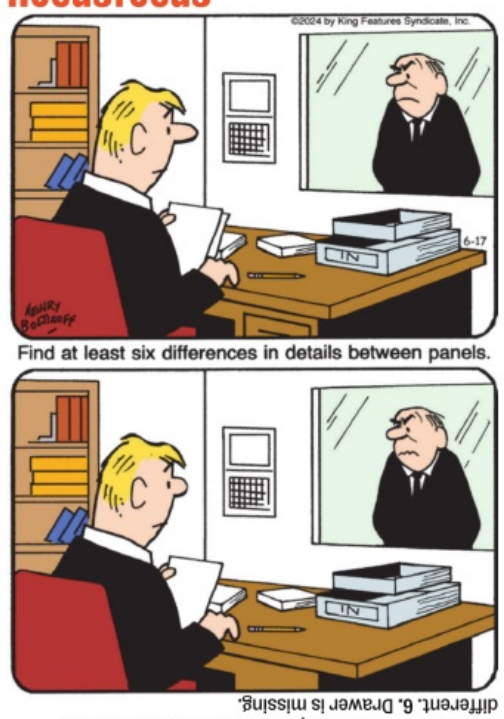


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

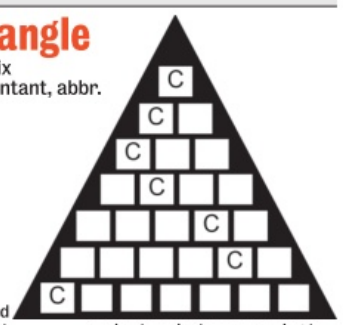
Differences: 1. Window is not as wide. 2. Paper is missing. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Top of desk is wider. 5. Mouth is different. 6. Drawer is missing.

Riddler

Can you decipher this? 023456789 lives ever ever ever ever

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number six
2 Chartered Accountant, abbr.
3 Road vehicle
4 An area of land
5 Support
6 Break through
7 Judge's room

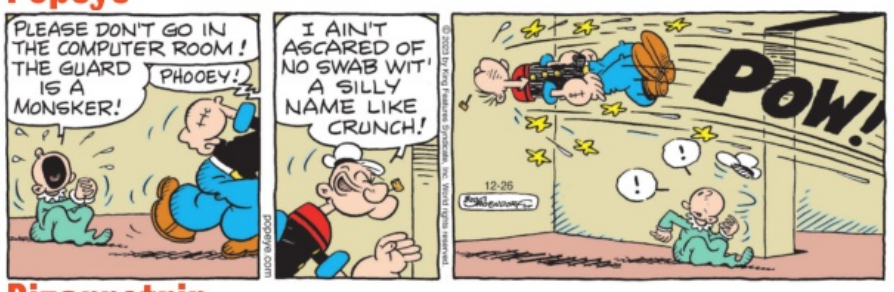


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye



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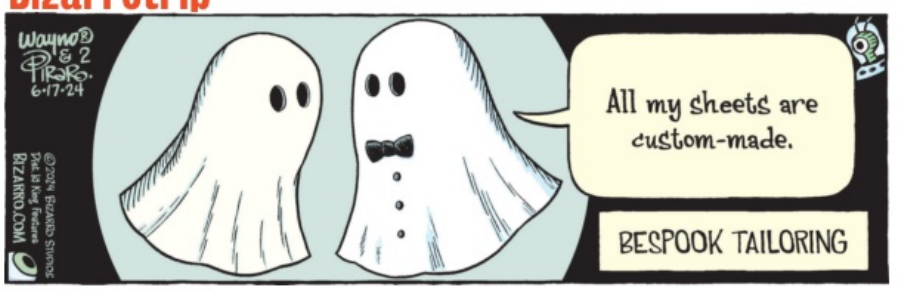

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, a positive moon may make you happy. Your performance may be good on the job; you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. You may use your patience at work. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job aspirants are likely to get good jobs. Lovebirds may enjoy their quality time.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may help needy people. It may increase your reputation in society. You might implement innovation into the work, which may increase your business. A positive result may make you happy. Lovebirds may plan an outing or some adventure tour.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be dissatisfied; you have some sort of detachment for your responsibilities, which may make you confused. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical in your work to complete it on time. You may also be taking care of your parents. It is advised to postpone migration for some days.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be enthusiastic; you may be more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your siblings may help you start a new project, which may give you profit in the near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of a new job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your financial health. You may be more creative today; you may use your creativity to decorate your office or home, which may enhance your social status. Lovebirds may likely get some support from their family members to maintain their relationship status. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may give you peace of mind. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner sense may be calm and cool, which may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment in work and domestic life. Some new sources of income may be opened, which may help you boost your savings.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel dull today. You may face some old health issues. You are likely to be a victim of tiredness, which might make you arrogant. Your arrogance may affect your domestic harmony. Your profits may convert into losses. So you are advised to think twice before doing any type of financial transaction.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel inner strength. Your losses may convert into profit, which may increase your business growth and liquidity. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to take some difficult decisions in the business. Your performance at work may be praised by your seniors. You may also expect to get incentives, which may increase your savings.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be busy at work; your wisdom may help you to make the right decisions, which may increase your business. You are likely to get a big order, which may expand your work. You may use your creativity to renovate your home or office, which may improve your social status. You may also invest some creative assets.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, situations are under control; you may be able to come out of the past days' messy situation. You may deal with patience, which may reflect into your way of working. You may plan for an outing, and students may have a good focus towards their goals. Singles may find their love with the help of friends or relatives.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel unhappy. You may be impatient. You may be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect into your domestic life harmony. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work; otherwise, you may create hidden enemies around you. You are advised to avoid rash driving.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you, you may feel harmony in your personal life, and you may enjoy some romantic moments with the spouse. Your family may support you to take some important decisions; you may also take some important decisions in the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in the business.

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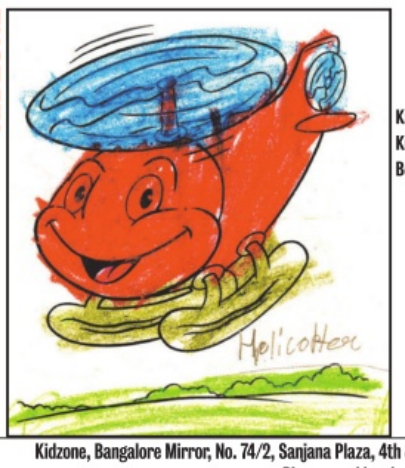

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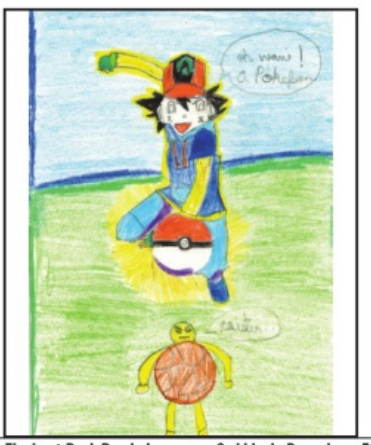

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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RIDDLER
No one lives forever.

BULL'S EYE
deify, dive, drip, edify, fiery, fire, fired, fried, ripe, PERFIDY, pied, pier, pride, ride, rife,

FAST FIVE

E	S	S	A	Y
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
When push comes to shove

QUOTE UNCODE
Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall.

SUDOKU

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5	1	2	4	7	3	9	6	8
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1	6	8	9	3	7	5	4	2
7	2	5	6	8	4	1	9	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
C, CA, CAr, ACre, BRace, BReach, Chamber.

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 – 3 – 1 + 8 = 10
Medium
2 × 5 + 6 – 2 = 14
Hard
4 + 9 – 5 – 7 = 1

LOOP

KAKURO

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'Internet can be a mean place' — Hollywood star Florence Pugh feels the internet can be "a very mean place". "It's so hard. (The internet's) a very mean place. It's really painful to read people being nasty about my confidence or about my weight"

IN SRIDEVI'S STYLE

Shraddha Kapoor channels Sridevi's elegance in her latest photoshoot

Actress Shraddha Kapoor took to her social media handle and shared pictures from her latest photoshoot as she channelled legendary actor late Sridevi.

Taking to Instagram, the 'Luv Ka The End' actress, who has 93.1 million followers on the social media platform, posted her breathtaking pictures from the photoshoot of a renowned magazine.

"Sridevi ji - my inspiration. Every time I dress, talk, walk or shoot, I think of the grace with which she came within all her performances. Yeh, apke liye," she captioned the pictures with a heart emoji. The 37-year-old actress also added a song titled 'Naa Jaane Kahan Se' from Sridevi's 1998 film 'Chaalbaaz' sung by Kavita Krishnamurthy and Amit Kumar.

In the pictures, Shraddha was seen happily posing in an elegant Indo-western attire. In the second picture, the 'Tu Jhoothi Main Makkar' fame actor donned an off-shoulder white dress that made her awe-inspiring.

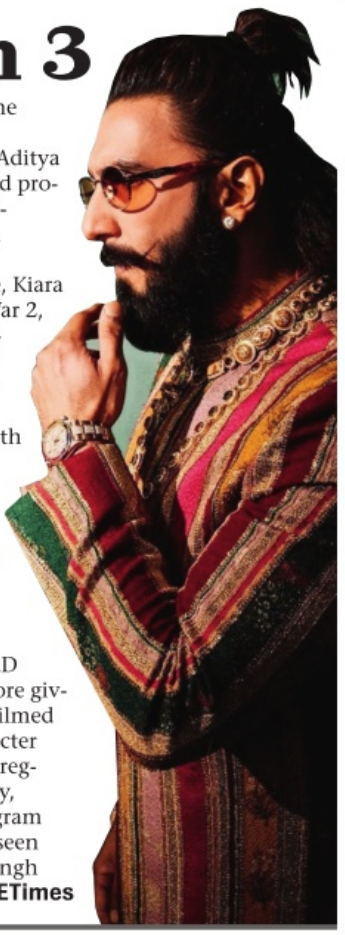
In the third and fourth, the actress shifted her gears towards the traditional outfits that can take anyone's breath away. Shraddha posed confidently in a cream-coloured saree with a touch of silver glitter.

In the last snapshot, Shraddha smiled for the camera in a silver coloured traditional outfit that made her spectacular.

Shraddha's post has received immense love and appreciation from her die-hard admirers and fans all around.

On the work front, Shraddha was last featured in the 2024 horror-comedy 'Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank' opposite actor Rajkummar Rao.. **— IANS**

All set for Don 3



Actor-director Farhan Akhtar's 'Don 3' with Ranveer Singh has been trending and making news ever since it was announced.

Earlier, reports had stated that the film would go on floors in August this year.

Reportedly, the third instalment of the franchise, which was supposed to kick off in January of next year, will go on floors in May-June 2025. The reason behind it is Farhan, who is currently shooting for '120 Bahadur'.

Now, as per the latest report by News 18, the pre-production for 'Don 3' is already in progress, with preparations expected to begin in March next year. Both Farhan and Ranveer are occupied with other commitments at the moment.

Ranveer is busy with Aditya Dhar's upcoming untitled project and has recently welcomed his baby girl with Deepika Padukone on September 8. Meanwhile, Kiara Advani is tied up with War 2, in which she stars alongside Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR. According to the report, March will be a significant month for both Ranveer and Deepika. While Ranveer will begin preparations for his role in 'Don 3', the new mom, Deepika, will wrap up her maternity leave and start work on Nag Ashwin's 'Kalki 2'.

Notably, Kalki 2898 AD was her final project before giving birth, and she even filmed some scenes as the character Sumathi while she was pregnant in real life. Recently, Farhan took to his Instagram handle to say he will be seen playing Major Shaitan Singh PVC in '120 Bahadur'. **ETimes**

Famous mommy

Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan on Wednesday kicked off a film festival named after her.

During a press interaction at the event, the 'Jab We Met' actor got candid about her personal and professional lives.

When asked if her son Taimur Ali Khan knows about the film festival named after her, the actress gave an interesting response.

She said , "Right now they (Taimur and Jeh) are too young to know these things. He has an idea because of the paparazzi chasing. I think that is why he only knows. But he keeps saying, 'Why are they chasing? Am I famous?' I said, 'No you are not famous, I am famous. You are nobody, you haven't done anything.' He's like, 'May be one day I will do it.' But right now in his mind it is not films. It is only football. I hope he will watch some of my films, I'm sure some day the minute I can take him away from football."

Kareena tied the knot with Saif Ali Khan in 2016. The two have worked together in LOC Kargil (2003) and Omkara (2006), but it was on the sets of the 2008 film Tashan that they fell in love with each other. And on October 16, 2012, they solemnized their relationship.

In 2016, the two became parents to son Taimur and in February 2021, they welcomed Jeh. **— ANI**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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After a hiatus

Sandalwood actor Abhimanyu, the son of late actor-cum-director Kashinath, makes a comeback after a hiatus of more than a decade. Abhimanyu debuted in Sandalwood with Baaji in 2009. His second movie 12 AM Madhyaraatri arrived in theaters in 2012. Now, his third movie Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari is ready for release.

"I had to keep myself away from Sandalwood due to some responsibilities. Then I had to look after my father who passed away a few years ago.A few directors approached me to act in their movies but those movies did not take off. Now, Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari is set to release shortly. It has got an A certificate from the Censor Board,' he said.

He said his fourth movie Suri Loves Sandhya is expected to arrive in theaters in a few weeks. "The post-production work of Suri Loves Sandhya is in progress. Ellige Payana Yavudo Daari is neither a romantic nor a thriller. The director is very intelligent and he made us follow the script religiously," he said.

Kiran S Surya, after having worked 12 years in different departments of filmmaking, debuts as an independent director in Sandalwood with this movie. This film has a song has a song by Namma Kichcha Sudeep and it is bankrolled under the Sudarshan Arts banner.

On Kalaripayattu

The trailer of Nene Manave, based on Kalaripayattu, an Indian martial art, was unveiled by Nadabrahma Hamsalekha. The movie is set to release in Kannada, Hindi, and English. The Hindi and English versions of this movie have the title – Look Back. Hamsaleka had released the soundtrack of Nene Manave on May 7, 2023 at Ravindra Kalakshetra. The movie is scheduled to arrive in theaters across Karnataka on September 27.

"I play a supporting character in the movie. I appreciate the director for selecting the subject related to the oldest surviving martial art in the country. I have scored music for songs of the movie. It highlights the importance of girls learning the martial art for their self defence," said Hamsalekha.

Ranjan Mullaratt plays a key character apart from bankrolling and helming the movie. "The movie went on floors three years ago. Octogenarian Meenakshi Amma, a Padma Shri award winner, has acted in the movie." said Mullaratt.

He said he has a plan to release the movie abroad after releasing it in Kerala and Karnataka on September 27. The movie's shoot was held in Kerala and Agumbe.